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# The Spirit of Bethel

For The People of Bethel

Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

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Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter



Dear Bethel Church family:

Through the thirty-six years I've served in pastoral ministry I have made some great friends. While I don't communicate with all of them regularly, there are a few people I talk to a few times a year to catch up on life. One of my favorite people is a gentleman named Jackson. Jackson is one of the greatest fishermen you will ever meet. He is a disciple of Jesus. He is a recovery success story. He is a great churchman. And Jackson is missing an arm. While working as a lineman he lost his arm to an entanglement with high power lines. He should have died. I thank God he survived to be a blessing to his pastors and so many others in need of his support, encouragement, and counsel.

As of today, I'm seventeen days out from my surgery. It has been a lot worse than I anticipated. Maybe because I had my last shoulder surgery in my 40's and now I'm in my sixties. And maybe because I really messed this shoulder up this time. To compound the difficulty, I had agreed to keep Evelyn, my twenty-month-old granddaughter this week, long before I knew about the surgery. It hasn't been easy changing diapers and clothes, feeding meals and never-ending snacks, and being her playmate for the last five days. And yet somehow, we made it. What her mother doesn't know, Evelyn and I won't tell her.

Which takes me back to Jackson. Earlier this week I was thinking about him doing every task for the last several decades with just one

arm without the first complaint or attempt at pity. And managing quite well, I might add. So, I called Jackson to catch up (and to share our mutual admiration and encouragement for each other). I always feel better after a phone call with Jackson. I hope you have a couple of Jackson's in your life.

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Prayers for God to bless you with Christian brothers and sisters to accompany you on this journey to heaven!

*Scott H. Wachter*



Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

### Consoler, Healer, Guide

Holy Spirit, Lord divine,  
Come from heights of heav'n and shine,  
Come with blessed radiance bright!  
Come, O Father of the poor,  
Come, whose treasured gifts endure,  
Come, our heart's unfailing light!  
Of consolers, wisest, best,  
And our souls' most welcome guest,  
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.  
In our labor rest most sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
Consolation in our woes. ...  
Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,  
Arid souls refresh within,  
Wounded lives to health restore!  
Bend the stubborn heart and will,  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,  
Guide the wayward home once more!  
—12th-century hymn

# Blood DRIVE

## Blood Connection Blood Drive

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Where: Bethel UMC/City  
Parking Lot

When: **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

*Each Donation =\$45 Donor  
Reward & \$25 Award for the  
Church Food Pantry!*



### Glory Group

**When:** Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12:00 PM

Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend.

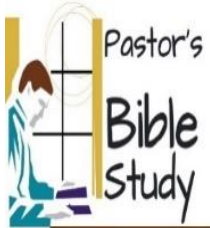


### Bethel Men's Group News

The **Bethel United Methodist Men** will be meeting on

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:00 PM**

All men of the church are invited to attend for a good meal, devotion, and Christian fellowship.



The Pastor's Bible study on the book of Romans will meet each Wednesday in May. The 10:30 AM session is held in the library. The 6:00 PM session is held in the fellowship hall. Bring a Bible or borrow one from the office.



### News

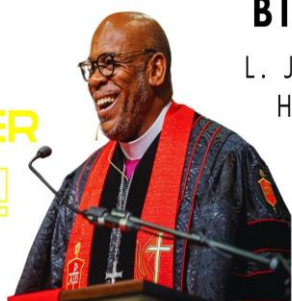
**Shut-ins:** We are still serving around 26 of our shut-ins each month.

If you know of any shut-ins from our church, please contact the church so we can add them to our list.

Behind the Scenes with our Shut-Ins

Helping hands doing the work of Christ!

**REGISTER NOW!**



### BISHOP

L. Jonathan Holston

*You're Invited!*

**Bishop's Day in the Walterboro District**  
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Sand Hill UMC**

1961 SUMMERS DRIVE, RIDGEVILLE, SC, 29472

WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP | FOOD | FUN | & FEED THE HUNGRY MISSION PROJECT!

PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/B5TNQADPKCMDULRS7](https://forms.gle/B5TNQADPKCMDULRS7)



Our middle school and high school UMYF groups will meet on May 5 and 19 at 6:00 p.m.

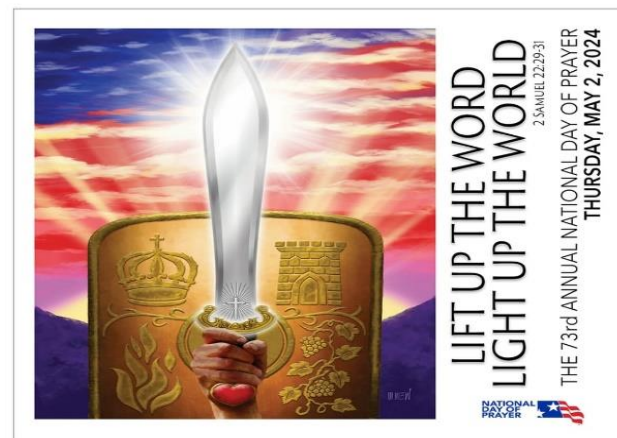
Graduation Sunday is May 19. We'll have a breakfast for our seniors and their families at 10:00 a.m. We'll recognize our seniors (and college graduates) during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. And we'll honor our seniors at our pool party that night with a steak dinner and gift.

Seven of our youth, along with five adults, will be serving on Bethel's mission team in Costa Rica. A special thanks goes to the Lillie Glover fund for providing generous scholarships for our participants. Additional funds are needed for the team. If you'd like to make a contribution to the mission, write Costa Rica on your check or envelope.



### Epworth Children's Home Mother's Day Offering

Transform a child's future through your Mother's Day offering. Offering can be made to Bethel on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> or anytime through online giving or in your offering envelope. Just make you check to Bethel and mark it for "Epworth".



**National Day of Prayer 2024:** The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 as public law to occur on the first Thursday in May to unite in prayer for our nation. Men and women of faith will pause on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to stand before God in the court of heaven to pray for the heart of our nation. **Come join us for a Prayer Walk at noon on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> starting on the steps of Bethel Church.**



In Memory of **Caroline Johnson**  
By Jan and Charles Price

In Memory of **Bennie Ordell**  
By DeLoris and Tony Hamilton  
By Bonnie and Leon Langley  
By Dr. and Mrs. Riddick Ackerman  
By Gail and Bill Howell  
By Joanne and Jeffrey Herndon  
By Rev. and Lee Dean Cox  
By Judy and Tom Woodward

In Memory of **Haskell Moore**  
By Wynona and Donald Rizer  
By Toni and Terry Walters  
By DeLoris and Tony Hamilton  
By Janet and Perry Buckner  
By Judy and Tom Woodward

### MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Event
May 5	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00 Communion
May 12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00 Worship with Agape Praise Band
May 19	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00 Graduate Sunday
May 26	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00

**View our Sunday 11:00 am Worship Services on our Facebook page.**



### Financial Update

**ACCOUNT BALANCES:**  
(As of April 25, 2024)

Operating	\$139,437.40
Restricted	(\$21,021.86)
Preschool	\$6,328.14
Checking	\$124,743.68

**STEEPLE FUND:** Balance owed \$123,379.00  
**BUS FUND:** Balance owed \$10,464.36

*"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."*—Fred Rogers



### Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates

Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)



## PUZZLE UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

- flower, stem, bee, leaf
- pink, red, yellow, blue
- mother, sister, brother, aunt
- purple, dress, skirt, blouse
- necklace, ring, bracelet, braid
- diamond, emerald, heart, ruby
- orange, cherry, potato, kiwi
- my, our, she, your
- faith, family, love, hope
- sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature
- cookie, cake, pie, sandwich
- silver, white, gold, bronze

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g\_\_\_\_\_ and qu\_\_\_\_p\_\_\_\_, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, stem, brother, pink, purple, sunny, temperature, faith, family, love, hope, silver, white, gold, bronze

## MAY Birthdays

Susan Ladd	1	Maddie Howell	20
Brooke Crosby	2	Owen Harrelson	
Tandy Metzendorf	4	Herman Hoffman	21
Allison Morgan		Carol Slocum	
Norma West	6	Judy Woodward	
Perry Buckner	9	Charlton Griffith	22
Logan Corbett	10	Jerred Griffith	
Paige Walters		Nick Blubaugh	
Buddy Creech	12	Betts White	24
Trent Baggett	13	Lee Chasteen	
Emilia Harris	14	Christian Beasley	
Brown McLeod		Linda Hudson	25
Sissy Williamson		Kim Jophlin	26
Marie Young		Perry Buckner	27
Roger Crook	15	Bobo Hudson	28
Tracy Courtney	16	Lucille Culpepper	
Becky Mitchell	19	Leddy Smith	30
Wanda Carter			

## MAY Anniversaries

Michael & Sandy Katchuk	1
Charlie & Carol Armentrout	2
Philip & Melissa McNair	
Tracy & Sharon Courtney	7
Charlie & Darlene Mangum	11
Tracy & Jill Burttram	
Charles & Martha Strickland	28
Terry & Toni Walters	

## In Christian Sympathy

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Bennie Ordel** on her recent death.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Betty Sue Wilson** on her recent death.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Haskell Moore** on his recent death.

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bethel Members, their families, and others in the Bethel extended church family who need your prayers:

**OUR PRAYERS:** Debra Ackerman, Jane Bell, Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Maddox Carter, Stacy Carter, R.L. Carter, Jr., Donald Crosby, Jerry Crosby, Dorothy Cummings, Hazel Easterlin, Joseph Givens, Karl Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Michael Hickman, John Hiott, Lad Howell, Linda Hudson, Shawn Hunter, Golda Jacques, Noah Lutz, Mike McElmurray, Bobbie McLaine, Elva Muckenfuss, Ann Nettles, Lynn Nettles, Ed Newington, Susann Padgett, Christopher Plummer, Tyler Pope, Carolyn Powers, Joe Ritter, Adrienne Rizer, Debra Smith, Donna Sumner, Bonnie Thomas, Chris Varnadoe, Michael Walker, Terry Walters, Norma West, Nicky Maxey Williams.

**Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members:** Jackie Bennett, Doris Bone, Carroll Brown, III, Jane Brown, David Cox, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Joy Lawson, Doie Mitchell, Jeanine Price, Gene Rhodes, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury.

**Military Service:** Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Cody Keeney, Matthew Mangum, Edward Phillips, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray, Blake Rhodes.



Please call the church office at 843-549-7691 to have a name added to our prayer list. Also please call the church office if you have a spiritual need or concern and wish to speak with Pastor Scott.

## Open Hands

Liturgical scholar Balthasar Fischer (1912-2001) shared an “a-ha” realization about the significance of praying with open, outstretched hands, an ancient practice. The opposite gesture, a closed fist, is used to threaten others or even inflict violence. We also grasp things in closed fists, refusing to let go, to share, to hold gently or loosely.



When we pray with open hands, Fischer explained, we’re saying before God that we renounce “all highhandedness, all pride in [our] own sufficiency, all violence.” We hold up our empty hands to God, saying, “I have nothing that I have not received from you, nothing that you have not placed in my empty hands. Therefore, I do not keep a frantic hold on anything you have given me; therefore, too, I desire not to strike and hurt but only to give and to spread happiness and joy.”

## MISSION News

### Report from the Mission Team

June 2<sup>nd</sup> is getting closer and soon we will have the Blood Connection in our parking lot. Soon we will have a phone number that you can phone to make a reservation to give blood. The time will be from 9 to 12:30. We are having this blood drive to honor all of those on our prayer list who are ill and may be could need some blood in their healing process. We want to make sure that Bethel has done its part to help have blood in blood banks. Second reason we are sponsoring The Blood Connection’s visit is that they will give \$25 to the donor and \$25 to The Food Pantry.

Some people have said that for one reason or another, their blood can’t be taken but how can they help. We would ask that you give a donation to the Food Pantry. Write Food pantry on the envelope or check. We thank you in advance.

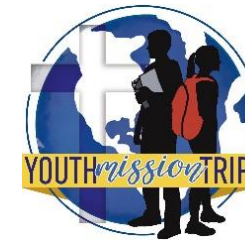
The Food Pantry is now using three local stores to get food. Maybe you have noticed that sometimes shelves are empty because trucks haven’t made it to the stores. That has happened at all three stores. It isn’t anybody’s fault...it is just the way of the world right now. Ebenezer Methodist Church has again donated \$200 to the Food Pantry. We continue to give out 80 to 100 bags a month. We also need to thank the Missy Ackerman Circle for their hygiene items that they donated. Steve Cinnader has also donated frozen dinners. While we are being thankful, we need to thank all the men from The Men’s Club who come to “Protect” us.

We have been so thankful for Ginny Williams coming to help us try to fill Carolyn Powers spot. She is a pro. Please remember Carolyn in your prayers as she continues her road to recovery.

## Shoebboxes Have Arrived!!!



We have the boxes. Now we need your help to fund the great stuff we are packing in them. Our goal this year is to pack **200** boxes. You may contribute to the Shoebox fund with your offering on Sunday or any of the online giving methods. Just mark it for the “Shoebboxes”



### COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

Our youth are working on the fund-raising for their mission trip June 18-25. They, along with some of our adults, will be ministering to the youth and others in Bajo Tejares, an impoverished area of San Ramon. While the Lilly Glover Circle fund is providing a substantial donation for each participant, additional funds are needed. If you would like to help a specific youth or the group in general, ask Pastor Scott how you can help.



## THE BEAUFORT HARBORMASTERS PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT JOY IN SONG

Uplifting Music From Doo-Wop to Sacred Hymns that will leave your toes tapping and a smile on your face

**Saturday May 4th** | 7pm | St John's Lutheran Church  
157 Lady's Island Drive | Beaufort, SC

**Sunday May 5th** | 3pm | Bethel United Methodist Church  
355 Hampton Street | Walterboro, SC

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10

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